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The semi-independent journal's detached treatment of the Sector East issue appears to be another indication that Serbian President Milosevic is preparing the Serbian people to lose control of the region to Zagreb through a negotiated settlement or perhaps Croatian military intervention.

Bosnian Officials Concerned About Future Serb Entity in Bosnia

presidency members, meeting in late September, expressed concern about integration of the Bosnian Serb entity into Bosnia and their opposition to working with the current Bosnian Serb leadership,

- Presidency members, including Mirko Pejanovic, an ethnic Serb, were unanimously opposed to the idea of having to deal with Bosnian Serb Army Commander Mladic and Bosnian Serb "President" Karadzic in future peace negotiations. The members were even more opposed to the prospect of eventually having to deal with Mladic and Karadzic as leaders of the Serb entity within Bosnia.

- The presidency members were opposed to integrating the Serb entity into Bosnia because neither the Serbs nor the Croats/Muslims want to live together in the same country. They also believed, however, that if the Serb entity does not integrate into Bosnia, it will be forced to confederate with Serbia, which presidency members consider an equally disturbing scenario. believed that Mladic and Karadzic would try their best to avoid integrating the Serb entity into Bosnia. He believed the Serbs would be better represented by the leadership of the Serb Citizens Council, which supports the current Bosnian Government and a multi-ethnic, pluralistic Bosnia.

During the same meeting, presidency members also discussed Russian participation in a peace implementation force in Bosnia. all members were concerned that a Russia troop contribution would presumably be deployed on territory controlled by the Bosnian Serbs, which would lead to even closer ties between Russia and the Bosnian Serbs and possibly hamper the eventual integration of Bosnia. They also believed that the Russians would be less likely to report or react appropriately to Serb intransigence toward the central government.

Initial Evidence Indicates VMRO-DPMNE Responsible for Gligorov Attack

initial evidence indicates that the radical nationalist organization Internal Macedonian Revolutionary Organization-Democratic Party for Macedonian National Unity (VMRO-DPMNE) was responsible for the 3 October assassination attempt on President Gligorov.

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- believes that the nationalists planned to assassinate Gligorov in an attempt to force the government to call new presidential elections and put negotiations with Greece on hold pending the outcome of elections. The VMRO-DPMNE would then have campaigned for the presidency on an anti-Greek platform. (b)(1) (b)(3) investigation has so far revealed no involvement in the attack by ethnic Albanian radicals.

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External Developments

France Pushes Russian Role in IFOR

A senior French Foreign Ministry official has ordered French NATO representatives to slow deliberations on IFOR while pushing instead for more intense consultations with Russia on the issue, The French recognize Russian participation is complicated by Moscow's lack of money and refusal to operate under NATO command. (b)(1) (b)(3)

- French and Russian officials met Friday [13 October] in Moscow to explore options, according to press reports. French Defense Minister Millon publicly said Thursday that Russian troops could be integrated into a French division or operate under NATO authority while retaining their own chain of command.

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- Privately suggested a political umbrella could be created for Russian participation under the auspices of NATO plus one, the Partnership for Peace, or an ad hoc group, (b)(1) (b)(3)

- **French leaders apparently hope Russia's participation in the IFOR would enhance prospects for peace in the region and help allay Moscow's fears about NATO's role. Paris also probably is reaching out to the Russians because it shares their reservations about NATO dominating the peace implementation process.** (b)(3)

Greece, Macedonia Sign Memorandum to Restore Ties

Representatives of Greece and Macedonia, meeting in Skopje on 13 October, signed a joint memorandum on normalizing relations, The memorandum paves the way for the expected lifting of Greece's 18-month trade embargo against Skopje on 15 October. (b)(1) (b)(3)

- The memorandum covers the technical implementation of a bilateral interim accord signed in New York in late September. Among other things, the memorandum stipulates the free movement of people and goods over the shared Greek-Macedonian

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